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25 August 1964

MEMORANDUM FOR: Executive Director

VIA: [] Assistant to the Director

SUBJECT: Directors' and Presidents' Pictures
and the Exhibit Hall

1. This memorandum contains recommendations for your approval in paragraph 8.

2. On Friday, 21 August, the Fine Arts Commission met with [] present and discussed the above subjects. Taking into account our discussions with [] of [] and, after a thorough review of the areas where these pictures might be hung, we propose:

a. That the Directors' pictures be hung on the wall of the quadrangle Corridor C between the color panels.

b. That the Presidents' pictures be hung on the wall of quadrangle Corridor F between the color panels.

3. In reaching these conclusions, the prevailing consideration was your desire, with which we concur, that these pictures be placed in well-traveled areas. [] concurs after discussion [] She does so somewhat reluctantly because she believes that the beauty of the quadrangle is best achieved if these walls as well as the wall near the Credit Union (which now holds the car pool selector and the Recreation Association bulletin board) are unencumbered.

4. In our consideration we weighed alternate places to hang the pictures, including the marble foyer to the building, the

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reception room, the library, the seventh floor corridor, the Director's suite, and the tunnel leading to the auditorium. We felt there were good reasons why none of these are preferable at the moment although the library and the main reception room as well as the marble foyer should be given further consideration at a later date when we have had the opportunity to live with the proposed arrangement. One of our members, [] feels strongly that the marble foyer should be given further consideration. He believes that some additional treatment would be necessary. I personally share []'s feeling, though like him, I am unsettled in my opinion.

5. With regard to the Presidents' pictures, we considered that they might well be hung as a permanent center of interest in the exhibit area (Corridor D in the vicinity of the Medical staff). Their size (the originals being 11 x 14, of course with additional framing) is a bit small for the quadrangle Corridor C and in that location would be subjected to daylight which over a period of time, two or three years, will cause some fading. However, it is difficult to envisage as yet, since our plans are incomplete, how these pictures might best be placed if the exhibit hall were used. Furthermore, we are making provision for the possibility of fading by acquiring an additional print of each so that in due course they could be replaced if necessary.

6. If you approve our recommendation, it is planned to work out the precise location for hanging the Directors' pictures with [] when she is here on Thursday, 27 August. I feel it would be best if you could be available to consult on the spot when this discussion is held. It is also proposed that I would take [] with the three Presidents' pictures we have to Mr. Mickelson's to discuss their framing. It may be that the frame used on President Kennedy's picture should be applied to all of them. Again it may be necessary to choose a different frame in which case his picture would have to be reframed. While these frames are in preparation, and assuming that President Johnson's picture and inscription can be obtained in the near future, I would then request TSD to photograph the inscription so that in some contingency we could replace the inscriptions and signatures of the Presidents.

7. The FAC also proposes, with the agreement of [] that Corridor D be designated as an exhibit hall. Of all the areas we have examined, this shows the best possibilities

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for such an area. Its size, its location close to the quadrangle, and its general layout make this the most attractive. This has been the subject of a lot of discussion and we now believe that you should make a decision on this so that plans for its development can go forward, these plans to be subject to your concurrence before implementation.

[redacted] preparing plans for exhibit cases including one to meet Mr. Pforzheimer's needs for rare intelligence materials. However, if you approve the recommendation on this subject we do intend to proceed immediately to place traverse rods along the ceiling next to each wall to hang pictures. The first exhibit intended is on the October 1962 U-2 incident.

8. Recommendations:

a. That the Directors' pictures be hung on the quadrangle wall, Corridor C;

b. That the Presidents' pictures be hung on the wall at the opposite end of the quadrangle which runs from Corridor E to Corridor J (Corridor F); and

c. That Corridor D be designated an exhibit hall, traverse rods or molding to be installed at once so that picture exhibits can be hung in time for the 1 November seminar with other plans to be subject to approval as they are developed.

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Chairman, FAC

cc: C/OL/LSD
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The recommendation contained in paragraph 8 is approved:

[redacted]
Executive Director

Date 25 Aug. 1964

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